

Wm. Henry Davis

MINUTES

— of the —

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

— of —

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH HEADS CHURCH

October 12, 13 and 14, 1932

REV. J. E. HUDGENS.....Moderator
Ashland City, Tenn.

L. O. BURROUGHS.....Clerk
4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

-----Free Will Baptist
Church at -----
To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists
Churches when convened at -----
We have chosen our representatives, to-wit -----

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by experience -----; by letter -----;
by recommendation -----; by restoration -----;
dismissed by letter -----; excluded -----;
died -----; total number in fellowship -----;
church property valued at \$ -----; our day of meeting
-----; our pastor is -----

We have paid our pastor \$ -----; we have
called -----

to pastor for us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School
Superintendent's name is -----

Our Sunday School Secretary's name is -----

We send \$ ----- for minutes; we send \$ ----- Associational
fund; we send \$ ----- for Home Missions; we send \$ -----
for Foreign Missions. Total collections for year, \$ -----

This done by order of the church, -----, 193--

-----, *Moderator.*

-----, *Clerk.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY

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| 1—Devotional Services | 2—Roll Call |
| 3—Reading Letters from Various Churches | |
| 4—Appointment of Committees. | |
| 5—Reading Letters of Petitions and Requests | |
| 6—Reading of Various Reports | 7—Adjournment |

THURSDAY

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| 1—Devotional Services | |
| 2—Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting | |
| 3—Reading of Various Church Letters and Committees' Reports | |
| 4—Adjourn for 11 O'clock Preaching Services | |
| Noon Lunch | 5—Devotional Services |
| 6—Roll Call | 7—Various Reports |
| 8—Miscellaneous Business | 9—Adjournment |

FRIDAY

- 1—Devotional Services
- 2—Roll Call
- 3—Reading Minutes of Previous Day
- 4—Miscellaneous Business
- 5—Election of Officers
- 6—Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-ninth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met with Heads Church, Robertson County, Tennessee, October 12, 13, 14, 1932.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 11 a.m. Rev. J. E. Hudgens preached the opening sermon. Prayers by Rev. George Pruitt and Rev. W. R. Carroll.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional service, led by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Prayer by Rev. Oscar Davis. Roll call and quorum present. The Moderator declared the Association was now in conference, and ready to transact business. Letters called for and the following were received and read: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Brandon's Chapel, Cofer's Chapel, Craigfield, Dunbar's Chapel, Heads, Miller's Chapel, New Hope, Oaklawn, Rock Springs, Shady Grove, Stoney Point. Motion and second that the selection of Brother G. W. Fambrough and Rev. J. L. Welch act as a committee to appoint the various committees. Report of the committee to appoint the various committees read and adopted. Committees as follows:

MISSIONS—Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman; Brother G. T. Harris, Rev. A. B. Pierce.

FINANCE—Brother J. R. Mason, chairman; Brother W. H. Stinson, Rev. Geo. Pruitt.

OBITUARIES—Rev. Oscar Davis, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Ragan, Brother J. A. Ford.

PETITIONS AND REQUEST—Rev. W. B. Davenport, chairman; Mrs. Lena Frazier, Rev. W. R. Carroll.

TEMPERANCE—Brother P. E. Hagewood, chairman; Brother L. M. Proctor, Brother L. J. Baker.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE—Brother G. W. Fambrough, chairman; Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Brother Robert Bowker.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. Joe Gower, chairman; Brother J. P. Walker, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. J. H. Oliver, chairman; Brother J. L. Head, Brother Clarence Walker.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a.m. Thursday. Dismissed with prayer by Brother G. T. Harris.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional service, led by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Pruett and Rev. W. J. Paul. Roll call and quorum present. Minutes of previous session read and adopted. Letters called for and read as follows: East Nashville, Royal Chapel, Spring Hill, Scott's Chapel, West Nashville, Oak Grove, Ladies' Aid Convention. Report of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Welch on free tracts and literature received and ordered placed on the minutes.

Motion and second that \$100 be appropriated out of the Colportage Fund for the Courier paper.

On motion, the pastors and clerks of the various churches to furnish Rev. J. L. Welch a mailing list from their churches.

Report of the delegates to General Conference received and adopted.

Report of the Sunday School Secretary received. On motion, the expense bill of the Sunday School Secretary of \$9.72 to be paid out of Association funds.

On motion, the Chair appointed a statistician to furnish statistics of the Association. G. W. Fambrough was appointed.

Report of Temperance Committee received.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Request received

and adopted.

Adjourned until 1 p.m.

Eleven a.m. devotions led by Rev. Oscar Davis. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch; subject, "Press Toward the High Calling in Christ Jesus."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song service, led by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Moderator asked that we repeat the Lord's Prayer in unison. Roll call, and quorum present. Letter read from Oakwood Church.

Report of Finance Committee received.

Report on Sunday Schools received.

On motion, the Chair appointed a committee of three, as follows: A. J. Adcock, W. J. Caldwell, and Rev. J. L. Welch, to look after the church property of Pickel's Chapel. On motion, said committee was given power to sell said property and turn the money over to the Treasurer of this Association.

Report of Committee on Devotionals: Thursday night, Rev. W. J. Paul to preach at Oakwood Church; Rev. W. T. Hagewood at Heads Church; Rev. J. H. Oliver, 11 a.m. at Heads Church, devotional services led by L. O. Burroughs.

Report on Education and Literature received.

On motion to go into the election of a place for the next sitting of this Association, and the following churches asked for the association: Bethel Church, Bethlehem Church, Brandon's Chapel, Rock Springs. (Bethel Church was chosen.)

On motion, we adjourned until 9 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song service, led by Rev. W. B. Davenport. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Welch. Roll call, and quorum present.

By request, motion was made to change the name of Royal Chapel Church, and call it the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia. This motion carried.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

On motion, appointed a committee to investigate the church organization at Fredonia, and empower this committee with the power to act for this Association.

Motion and second that hereafter all churches accepted into this Association shall be deeded to the Cumberland Association. This motion was adopted.

Motion to reconsider the \$1.00 a year per member for

missions. Make it 25 cents per member. This motion was adopted.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch be re-elected to the Board of Education. Motion and second that he be elected by acclamation carried.

Motion and second that we go into election of delegates to the General Conference. Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. Wm. H. Oliver elected by acclamation. General Conference meets with East Nashville Church in June.

Report of delegates to East Tennessee read and adopted.

On motion, the Chair appointed two delegates to attend the State Convention. Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. E. Hudgens were appointed.

On motion, the Association is to pay the expense of the delegates to the State Convention.

Motion and second that this Association extend to Sister Self its sympathy on the account of the death of her husband. Rev. J. L. Welch was asked to write to Sister Self.

On motion, we entered into the election of officers for the next two years, and the following officers were elected:

Rev. J. L. Welch, Moderator;

Rev. W. J. Paul, Assistant Moderator;

L. O. Burroughs, Clerk;

Rev. J. H. Oliver, Reading Clerk;

G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

Program Committee to arrange program for the next Association: Rev. J. L. Welch, G. W. Fambrough, L. O. Burroughs.

Moved and seconded to adjourn, to meet with Bethel Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1933.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, *Moderator*.

Ashland City, Tenn.

L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*.

4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 14, 1932. Rev. J. H. Oliver was elected Moderator and Rev. Oscar Davis, Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, chairman; Rev. J. L.

Welch, Rev. W. R. Carroll, Rev. Joseph F. Gower, Brother J. F. Head, Brother G. W. Fambrough.

On motion, the names of the following deceased brethren were dropped from our list: Brother J. Brake and Brother J. B. Wagoner.

On motion, Brother M. S. Harris' name will be dropped from our list; also Brother W. S. Gentry, who have united with other denominations.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Resolutions: A. B. Pierce, chairman; W. T. Hagewood, L. O. Burroughs.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions of our Deceased Brethren (Brother J. Brake and Brother J. B. Wagoner), submit the following report:

Since it has pleased the Almighty God to call from among us, from labor to refreshment, we extend our greatest sympathy to their families and brethren. Our loss is their gain; let us not think our brethren dead, but alive with God throughout eternity.

A. B. PIERCE, *Chairman*;
W. T. HAGEWOOD,
L. O. BURROUGHS.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, met, and after organizing, took under consideration the matter pertaining to J. W. Clouse, H. A. Pilkinton, J. W. Boyte, and J. G. Miller, and do hereby make the following recommendations:

First, in the case of J. W. Boyte, we consider that he is not properly before us for consideration, as he has not applied either in person or by letter for re-admission into this body.

Second, in reference to J. W. Clouse, we recommend that his credentials as a minister be revoked and that his name be dropped.

Third, the matter of J. G. Miller was considered and his petition is hereby rejected.

Fourth, after considering the action of H. A. Pilkinton, in operating a mission in opposition to Cofer's Chapel, we recommend that he be reprimanded for his conduct, and that he be given sixty days in which to discontinue his rela-

tions with that work, or surrender his credentials.

J. E. HUDGENS, *Chairman*;

G. W. FAMBROUGH,

W. R. CARROLL,

J. F. HEAD,

Joe F. GOWER,

J. L. WELCH.

On motion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association, or the call of the Presbytery.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, *Moderator*;

REV. OSCAR W. DAVIS, *Clerk*.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Education and Literature, submit the following:

First, whereas we have a splendid system of public schools which we believe is second to none, we feel very grateful to our country, and to God for the advantages which our children and young people enjoy.

Second, we also feel thankful to our law making bodies for so arranging our school laws, that no school principal can legally teach without reading, or causing to be read, a portion of God's Word each day for our children.

Third, as the Bible is the greatest book of all literature and has been given to us as the word of an all-wise God to guide us through time to eternity, we recommend that we urge a more systematic study of same, both by our ministers and laity.

Fourth, we heartily recommend that all of our members subscribe for and read our church paper, and that all of our ministers insist upon this among their members.

Fifth, we recommend the publishing and purchasing from the colportage fund, of suitable tracts, leaflets, etc., for free distribution by leaders of our work, and at such public gatherings as our Association.

Sixth, we endorse the work of the Educational Board, in assisting worthy persons to obtain an education, and we recommend that we make as great an effort to collect our pledges as we can under our present financial conditions. We recommend that our reading books and papers be very carefully selected, and that no periodicals be allowed to come into our homes, or read by our children, except those which are in harmony with God's Word.

Seventh, we heartily commend them for their selections

of teachers of good morals, and we wish to ask, and insist, that they make an effort to select, as far as possible, real, consecrated, Christian men and women to handle the tender lives of our little men and women of tomorrow.

G. W. FAMBROUGH,
J. E. HUDGENS,
ROBT. BOWKER.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following:

(1) Missions, both home and foreign, is fundamental to the church, as no church can survive without the mission spirit.

(2) Therefore, we go on record as favoring both, and ask all our ministers to report on same next year, and that they try to create sentiment sufficient to put the mission work over the top.

(3) Home Missions:

We recommend, when funds are sufficient, that a worker be put to work organizing churches in new territory where we have churches, and bring them into the Association. When we have one thousand dollars in home mission treasury, we recommend that home mission funds be used only as stated above.

(4) We recommend that the pastors try to raise 25 cents per member for home missions, and 25 cents for foreign missions, and at least two services be held in each church annually for this purpose; we suggest January and September.

(5) Selection of worker to be as follows: That the Moderator appoint a committee of three—one preacher, one deacon and one delegate—who shall select a worker who is best fitted for the work, and report same to the Association for election.

(6) Said worker be required to make monthly reports of his work to the Secretary of Mission Board, also a full report to the Association at its next annual sitting. This worker may be removed from work by a majority of the Mission Board voting for removal, but only for just cause may either appeal to the Association, whose finding shall be final.

(7) We also request that each pastor make an effort to hold at least one revival in some new territory.

REV. J. L. WELCH, *Chairman*;
REV. A. B. PIERCE,
BROTHER G. T. HARRIS.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg to submit the following report:

Since it has pleased almighty God to call from our ministerial body Brother J. B. Wagoner, we also learn from our church letters that quite a few of our lay members have died. Doubtless, many of them have labored long and faithfully for the blessed Master. We do thank Him for their lives. With hearts full of sympathy for their relatives and loved ones, we point them to Him for comfort, who doeth all things well.

REV. OSCAR W. DAVIS, *Chairman*;
SISTER H. W. RAGAN,
BROTHER J. A. FORD.
(Committee.)

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your Committee on Petitions and Request, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, there being four churches, namely, Bethel, Bethlehem, Rock Springs, and Brandon's Chapel, inviting the Association to meet with them, we, as your committee, refer this to the delegated body to take vote on the above churches.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT, *Chairman*;
REV. W. R. CARROLL,
SISTER LENA FRAZIER.

RESOLUTIONS

First, resolved, that we sincerely thank our Moderator and Clerk for their very efficient leadership during the present sitting of this body.

Second, resolved, that our Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes, and that he be paid \$20 for his services.

Third, resolved, that we tender a rising vote of thanks to the people in the community of Heads Church for their unbounded hospitality during this sitting of this Association.

Fourth, we recommend that our leaders be instructed by this body, now in session, to give more encouragement to League work, to the end that our youth may be trained for Christian service in our churches.

Fifth, we further recommend that, inasmuch as the General Conference is trying to find a suitable place, centrally located, for an educational institution for all our people,

and as Tennessee is favored by some of the leaders of our work, this body endorses whatever action the General Conference may take, and that the Educational Secretary, J. L. Welch, may recommend as to placing such an institution in Tennessee.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, *Chairman*;
BROTHER J. L. HEAD,
BROTHER CLARENCE WALKER,
Assisted by SISTER FANNIE POLSTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following:

We are grieved because some of our churches do not maintain a Sunday school; however, quite a number do. Sunday school being the one branch of service wherein all may take an active part, we feel that the importance of the work cannot be overestimated.

We feel that the pastors are in sympathy with this work. However, it is too much to expect of them, in addition to their other duties, to conduct a Sunday school in their churches. This must be assumed by others. Therefore, we would urge, that in churches where there is no Sunday school, the pastor urge upon the members of the church that it is their duty to maintain a Sunday school and let them know that our Sunday School Convention stands ready to assist them in organizing and conducting same.

We also recommend that the travel expenses of our Field Secretary, for the ensuing year, be paid out of the Associational funds.

Respectfully,
REV. J. T. GOWER, *Chairman*;
REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD,
BROTHER J. P. WALKER.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for Minutes from the various churches, \$42.20.

BROTHER J. R. MASON, *Chairman*,
BROTHER W. H. STINSON,
REV. G. M. PRUITT.

TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee, beg to submit the following report on Temperance, and recommend the following:

Recognizing that temperance is one of the fundamental principles of Christianity which is neglected in many phases. The Apostle Paul admonishes us to be temperate in all

things—in action, speech, thought, desires, etc.—or to really define temperance, we would say, an abundant use of all that is good, and total abstinence of all that is bad. And as for temperance in strong drink, we would, as a Christian organization, recommend the above definition, and also contend, with all our powers, the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, because we recognize the curse of strong drink, as it makes poverty, not wealth; misery, not happiness; death, not life; widows of happy wives, orphans of once happy children; brings mothers and fathers down in sorrow to an untimely grave; wrecks and destroys homes; brings diseases and death; builds jails, prisons, insane asylums, and fills them with wretched inmates; destroys individuals and nations; the greatest curse of all ages, one that will curse you on earth and send you to eternal despair.

P. E. HAGEWOOD, *Chairman*;

L. J. BAKER,

L. M. PROCTOR.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed at the last session to meet with other Associations of Tennessee, for the organization of a State Convention, submit the following report:

We met with the Union Association of Greenville, Tenn., and organized a State Convention, with the Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar of Chucky, Tenn., State President, and G. W. Fambrough of Neptune, Tenn., Secretary, and Rev. J. S. Burgess, of Chucky, Tenn., Treasurer.

The Convention adjourned to meet at Elizabethton, Tenn., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1932.

G. W. FAMBROUGH,

J. L. WELCH,

J. H. OLIVER,

M. W. ROGERS,

W. B. DAVENPORT.

REPORTS

LADIES' AID CONVENTION REPORT

The Ladies' Aid Convention, of Free Will Baptist, of Cumberland Association, when convened with Heads Church, Robertson County, Tennessee, on October 12, 13, 14, 1932, greetings.

We send as a delegate to represent the Ladies' Aid Convention, Mrs. Nannie Smith and Mrs. E. D. Parker, alternate. We beg to submit the following report:

ORGANIZATIONS

One society organized and received into Convention during the year—Beach Grove.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

We feel our Departmental Work growing. More interest is being shown in Missions and Stewardship Department work.

ORPHANAGE

We are sorry to report a decrease in this department of our work.

PERSONAL SERVICE

Much good has been done in Personal Service Department—3,430 visits made to see the sick; 436 charity calls; 535 trays to the sick; numbers of baskets of food and clothing to the poor, and \$75.00 given to the poor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount collected by eight societies represented at Convention, \$2,689.59.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. D. PARKER, *President*;
MARY PATTON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

October 11, 1932.

To the Cumberland Association, held at Heads Church, Robertson County, Tennessee:

The Field Secretary of Sunday Schools for the Cumberland Association hereby submits the following report of year, beginning October, 1931, to date:

One trip to Bethlehem Church	-----	56 miles (round trip)
One trip to Mt. Zion Church	-----	50 miles (round trip)
One trip to Columbia Church	-----	90 miles (round trip)
One trip to Oak Grove Church	-----	120 miles (round trip)
One trip to Craigfield Church	-----	70 miles (round trip)
Two trips to Good Springs Church	-----	100 miles (round trip)

Total mileage -----486

Remarks:

The above report does not include trips which I have made in interest of Sunday school work of the Convention. I have written several letters of encouragement to other schools.

I submit the following expense account on a mileage basis:

Total number of miles traveled	-----	486
Two cents per mile	-----	\$9.72

J. B. PARSONS, *Field Secretary*.

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To the Cumberland Association:

I am submitting my report on the management of the money appropriated last year for free literature. Instead of having pamphlets or tracts printed, the monthly paper, *The Courier*, was started in the interest of missions. The following is an account of the work done:

Received from Colportage Fund ----- \$100.00

5/32 Paid out:

To Rotospeed Co. -----	\$11.80
Lodge-Miller -----	26.25
Dixie Electrottype Co. -----	1.80
Clements Paper Co. -----	16.65
Rotospeed Co. -----	2.55
Lodge-Miller -----	3.50
Post Office -----	10.37
7/32 Rotospeed Co. -----	10.10
9/32 Rotospeed Co. -----	10.42

Total -----	\$ 93.44
Cash on hand -----	6.56

Total ----- \$100.00

Materials used:

First issue of Courier -----	\$ 8.59
Second issue of Courier -----	8.20
Third issue of Courier -----	10.58
Fourth issue of Courier -----	8.39
Programs, letters, etc. -----	4.63
Sold to East Nashville Church (materials) --	2.48

Total -----	\$ 42.87
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Stock on hand:

1 Stapler -----	\$ 8.00
1 Mimeoscope -----	18.25
1 Art Book -----	2.55
1 Post Office plate -----	1.80
2 Cans ink @ \$2.50 ----- L -----	5.00
1,000 Sheets paper -----	1.60
1,500 Cover sheets -----	4.00
2 Quires stencils @ \$3.50 -----	7.00
300 Envelopes -----	.87
14 Ink pads -----	1.50

Cash on hand -----	\$ 50.57
	6.56

Total ----- \$100.00

There have been prepared and sent out to our people 9,650 pages of printed matter in the interest of our church in the Lord's cause. We have not accomplished so much, but we have done our best.

J. L. WELCH,

GENERAL CONFERENCE

We, your delegates to the General Conference, in its twelfth session, held at Bryan, Texas, June, 1932, wish to make the following report to the Cumberland Association:

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Georgia. The Credentials Committee reported three states, representing seven Conferences and Associations, namely, Georgia, 3; Tennessee, 1; North Carolina, 3. In addition to Missouri and Nebraska, which represented the co-operative Association, the yearly meeting of Nebraska and Northern Kansas, the State Convention of Texas and the Union Association of Tennessee. A committee was appointed to work out a plan by which each of these bodies could be merged with the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, report to be made at the next session.

Brother J. R. Bennett, superintendent of the orphanage in North Carolina, made a plea for the people in each state to interest themselves in orphanage work. He also suggested a centrally located one where each state would share the responsibility.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions reported that a native missionary in India is now being paid by the General Conference to give full time in the field. Every Association and Conference is urged to send regular contributions for this cause. The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with a Mr. Wood, a Free Will Baptist now working independently in India, and enlist his services under the control of the General Conference.

On Sunday School Work, the Secretary reported five Conventions doing fine work in Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Arkansas. Much of this work is not uniform. Many churches are found to be using literature other than our own. We recommend that League and Sunday School Work be correlated as far as possible.

A committee was appointed to work out a plan by which our denominational work could be unified, using the same name. A treatise is to be furnished.

The effort to place a memorial stone over the grave of Dr. St. Claire was ordered completed.

The Secretary of League Work reported that he is in close touch with this work in twelve states, having 180 Leagues and a total membership of 5,934.

The Woman's Department reported some progress. We have organized Conventions in five states with approximately 2,000 women giving themselves in prayer, study and in-

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fluence for the promotion of our church and its work.

Each Association is ordered to appoint a statistician to furnish statistics for their Association or Conference and to assume the expense of same. This information is to be sent to the general statistician to be used in the Year Book of the General Conference. Unified letter blanks are to be supplied by the Secretary.

The General Conference accepted the invitation of the East Nashville Church to hold the next session with them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH,
FANNIE POLSTON.
(Delegates.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

HOME MISSIONS

October 16, 1931, balance -----	\$ 50.30
November 3, 1931, Olivet -----	3.31
March 23, 1932, Interest on note -----	22.42
Bethel -----	1.77
Ashland City -----	5.50
Oaklawn -----	4.55
New Hope -----	4.25
Interest on deposit -----	2.10
Rock Spring -----	.50
West Nashville -----	11.00
East Nashville -----	6.50
Heads -----	.50
Bethlehem -----	5.00
Cofer's Chapel -----	.50
Total -----	<u>\$118.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

October 26, to Ladies' Aid -----	\$ 25.00
October 14, 1932, balance -----	\$ 93.20

EDUCATIONAL AND ORPHANAGE

Total amount from last report -----	\$1,426.80
Interest on deposit -----	54.40
	<u>\$1,481.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Loan to A. B. Pierce for school -----	\$ 125.00
Balance -----	<u>\$1,356.20</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Balance from last report -----	\$ 744.63
Interest on deposit -----	30.19
Olivet -----	3.31
Bethel -----	1.76
Ashland City -----	5.50

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Oaklawn -----	4.55
New Hope -----	4.25
Rock Springs -----	.50
Heads -----	.50
East Nashville -----	6.50
Bethlehem -----	5.00
Cofer's Chapel -----	.50
Total -----	\$ 807.19

ASSOCIATION FUNDS

Balance from last report -----	\$ 264.94
Ashland City -----	5.00
Rock Spring -----	5.00
Bethel -----	5.00
Interest -----	7.60
Oaklawn -----	4.25
East Nashville -----	5.00
Heads -----	5.00
Bethlehem -----	5.00
	\$ 306.79

DISBURSEMENTS

January 12—Expense of Institute -----	\$ 11.80
March 23—L. O. Burroughs, Clerk, and postage -----	18.97
May 29—Expense to State Conference --	43.28
June 8—Conference dues -----	10.00
June 8—Expense of delegates to General Conference -----	48.00
	\$ 132.05
Balance -----	\$ 174.74

MINUTE FUNDS

Balance from last report -----	\$ 61.45
Amount received from Finance Committee -----	48.83
Total -----	\$ 110.28

DISBURSEMENTS

March 8—Printing Minutes -----	\$ 58.00
March 23—L. O. Burroughs, Clerk -----	3.45
	\$ 61.45
	\$ 48.83
Pleasant Hill -----	1.10
Balance -----	\$ 49.93

COLPORTAGE

Balance from last report -----	\$ 442.73
Interest on deposit -----	13.71
	\$ 456.44

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DISBURSEMENTS

April 16, 1932—To Colportage Work -----\$ 100.00

Balance -----\$ 356.44

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, *Treasurer.*

SPECIAL REQUEST

Columbia, Tenn., Oct. 9. 1932.

To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, greetings:

We hereby request that we be permitted to change the name of our church from Royal Chapel, to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia, Tenn.

REV. W. J. PAUL, *Moderator;*

MRS. H. C. BROWN, *Clerk.*

MINISTERS' REPORTS

H. C. BROWN

Sermons preached -----	22
Conversions witnessed -----	17
Prayer meetings conducted -----	22
Funerals conducted -----	5
Marriage solemnized -----	1
Homes visited -----	215
Miles traveled -----	420

Condition of work spiritually and financially good. I have no churches in charge.

W. R. CARROLL

Churches in charge (Brandon's Chapel and Dunbar's Chapel) -----	2
Sermons preached -----	136
Conversions witnessed -----	48
Prayer meetings conducted -----	30
Received into church -----	9
Baptized -----	8
Funerals conducted -----	2
Homes visited -----	75
Miles traveled -----	1,025
Revivals assisted in -----	3
Revivals held in above churches -----	2
Received from above churches for services ----\$	303.15
Received from other sources -----	58.09
Total received -----	\$ 361.24

Condition of work spiritually and financially very good. God has wonderfully blessed us during the past year, and we are praying for greater success during the years to come.

E. A. CRAFT

Church in charge (West Nashville) -----	1
Sermons preached -----	143
Conversions witnessed -----	60

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Prayer meetings conducted -----	25
Funerals conducted -----	4
Marriage solemnized -----	1
Homes visited -----	200
Miles traveled -----	300
Revivals assisted in -----	4
Revivals held in above church -----	2
Received from above church for services -----	\$ 120.00
Received from other sources -----	25.00
Total received -----	\$ 145.00

Condition of work, very good.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge (Good Springs, Heads, New Hope, Oakland, Rock Springs) -----	5
Sermons preached -----	103
Conversions witnessed -----	64
Received into church -----	36
Baptized -----	39
Funerals attended -----	16
Homes visited -----	103
Miles traveled -----	2,585
Revival assisted in -----	1
Revivals held in above churches -----	4
Received from above churches for services:	
Heads Church -----	\$ 115.43
New Hope Church -----	100.00
Oaklawn Church -----	76.25
Rock Springs -----	107.02
Good Springs Church -----	36.08
Received from other sources -----	59.75
Total received -----	\$ 494.53

Condition of work spiritually, very good, but not what we are praying for, and are working for, and are looking for.

T. J. GILLESPIE

Churches in charge (Mt. Pleasant and White Hill, a union church) -----	2
Sermons preached -----	50
Conversions witnessed -----	75
Prayer meetings conducted -----	10
Received into church -----	90
Baptized -----	25
Funerals conducted -----	4
Homes visited -----	200
Miles traveled -----	500
Revivals assisted in -----	3
Received from above churches for services -----	\$ 25.00
Total received -----	\$ 25.00

Condition of work spiritually, good.

L. B. H. GREEN

Churches in charge (Scott's Chapel, Gorman) -----	2
Sermons preached -----	104
Conversions witnessed -----	15
Prayer meetings conducted -----	36
Received into church -----	10

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Baptized	10
Funerals conducted	3
Homes visited	60
Miles traveled	600
Revivals held in above churches	3
Received from above churches for services ----\$	116.54
Received from other sources	19.45
Total	\$ 135.99

Condition of work spiritually, very good. God wonderfully blesses my labor. I hope for greater things and that I may do more this coming year.

J. T. MOSLEY

Sermons preached	36
Conversions witnessed	13
Prayer meetings conducted	5
Received into church	2
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	4
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	41
Miles traveled	272
Revivals assisted in	4
Total received	\$ 52.00

Condition of work spiritually, good. We are praying for better health, and for the church

J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge (Cofer's Chapel)	1
Sermons preached	95
Conversions witnessed	14
Received into church	14
Baptized	10
Marriage solemnized	1
Received from above church	\$1,300.00
Received from other sources	7.51
Total received	\$1,307.51

Condition of work spiritually and financially, fairly good.

WM. HENRY OLIVER

Report for year ending October 1, 1932:

Churches in charge (Olivet)	1
Sermons preached	87
Conversions witnessed	67
Prayer meetings conducted	4
Received into church	39
Baptized	43
Funeral conducted	1
Marriage solemnized	1
Homes visited	86
Miles traveled (approximately)	3,180
Revivals assisted in	7
Revivals held in above churches	1
Received from above churches for services ----\$	120.00
Received from other sources	183.78
Total received	\$ 303.78

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Condition of work spiritually and financially, fairly good.

W. J. PAUL

Church in charge (First Free-Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn.)	1
Sermons preached	86
Conversions witnessed	58
Prayer meetings conducted	25
Received into church	40
Baptized	18
Funerals conducted	3
Marriage solemnized	1
Homes visited	150
Miles traveled	1,600
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church for services	\$ 330.00
Received from other sources	15.50

Condition of work spiritually and financially, very good.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge (Craigfield, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill)	3
Sermons preached	103
Conversions witnessed	10
Prayer meetings conducted	5
Baptized	5
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	400
Miles traveled	3,450
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches for services	\$ 152.35
Received from other sources	10.00
Total received	\$ 162.35

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge (East Nashville)	1
Sermons preached	117
Conversions witnessed	6
Prayer meetings conducted	43
Received into church	16
Baptized	7
Funerals conducted	10
Marriages solemnized	4
Homes visited	86
Miles traveled	2,172
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church for services	\$1,800.00
Received from other sources	52.00
Total received	\$1,852.00

Condition of work, fairly good.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Brown, H. C.	614 East Eleventh St., Columbia, Tenn.
Casteel, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn. /
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn. 2

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✓ Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.	5
✓ Davis, Oscar	1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.	0
Dunegan, T. J.	Route 2, Jingo, Tenn.	0
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	0
Gardner, J. W.	Northeast Station, Nashville, Tenn.	0
Gillespie, T. J.	2908 Craft Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	2
Gower, Joseph F.	Route 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	0
Gower, G. E.	Route 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	0
✓ Green, L. B. H.	Gorman, Tenn.	2
✓ Hagewood, W. T.	Commerce St., Clarksville, Tenn.	1
Horner, J. N.	Joelton, Tenn.	0
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.	3
Moseley, J. T.	Erin, Tenn.	0
✓ Oliver, J. H.	1600 Tenth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	1
✓ Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.	1
✓ Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.	1
Pierce, A. B.	Cumberland City, Tenn.	0
✓ Pilkinton, H. A.	1106 Eighth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	3
✓ Pruitt, G. M.	Route 4, West Nashville, Tenn.	0
Rodgers, M. W.	1637 Nassau St., Nashville, Tenn.	0
✓ Staggs, J. W.	East Fourteenth St., Columbia, Tenn.	0
✓ Sullivan, W. B.	Route 2, Jingo, Tenn.	0
✓ Welch, J. L.	312 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.	1

LICENTIATES

J. L. Sanders and L. W. Chester.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City	P. E. Hagewood	✓
Bethel	Mrs. Dr. P. R. Frazier	✓
Bethlehem	J. R. Mason	✓
Brandon's Chapel	J. A. Ford	✓
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. H. W. Ragan	✓
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	✓
Dunbar's Chapel	J. W. Dunnaway	✓
East Nashville	E. D. Parker	✓
Emanuel's Chapel	Not represented	✓
First Free Will Baptist, Columbia, Tenn.	W. W. Reeves	✓
Fredonia	Not represented	✓
Good Springs	Not represented	✓
Gorman	W. E. Parker	✓
Heads	Joe F. Gower	✓
Miller's Chapel	Robert Bowker	✓
Mt. Pleasant	Tobe Biggs	✓
Mt. Zion	Not represented	✓
New Hope	J. T. Walker	✓
Oak Grove	E. B. Hayes	✓
Oaklawn	J. F. Head	✓
Oakland	J. W. Clouse	✓
Oakwood	Cage Wilson	✓
Olivet	Not represented	✓
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. May Crain	✓
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	✓
Scott's Chapel	L. B. H. Green	✓
Shady Grove	Clarence Walker	✓
Spring Hill	Mrs. D. L. Hasking	✓
Stoney Point	L. J. Baker	✓

West Nashville -----Not represented ✓

The various churches received 250 new members the past year.
Total membership, 2,815.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are words of Divine Inspiration, given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for faith of the Christian churches.

Article 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

Article 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being, and by His obedient life, satisfactory death, triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at His Father's throne hath brought an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe and obey His word.

Article 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will not fall from grace; notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

Article 6. We believe according to the scriptures: Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th Chapter, 1st to 7th verses, that after a man has been partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again into the favor of God.

Article 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saint's feet are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

Article 8. We believe in the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 9. We believe according to the scriptures, 1st Cor. 10:16, that each individual, having been inducted into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictation of his conscience, is in communion with saints.

Article 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in a passive state and thereby adopting them heirs of His Kingdom.

GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote; and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty, and one vote for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for the ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, name of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to any other expenses may have had, and amount left in treasury.

3. All subordinate churches shall be subject to the ruling of this Association.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer from among themselves, and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by consent.

7. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to the gospel order.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount sent by each church; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the As-

sociation.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel, and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and for trying all ordained members for unchristian conduct, there shall be annual Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications or ordination sent up with recommendation, from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct and on testimony their decision shall be final.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is able to fill the requirements of Paul's 1st letter to Timothy 3 and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Scriptural questions as they see proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any other church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluding churches, which shall receive a concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches

composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made to this form of govern-

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order. The ment at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When the Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

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RULES OF DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall rise to his feet. person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject, without leave of a majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as necessary, provided a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council, this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

MINISTER'S REPORT

All ministers are urged to fill out a report like this and hand it to the Association next year.

Report for year ending _____ 193_____

Churches in charge _____; names of _____ churches _____

Sermons preached____; Conversions witnessed____; Prayer-meetings conducted____; Received into church____; Baptized____; Funerals conducted____; Marriages solemnized____; Homes visited____; Miles traveled____; Revivals assisted in____; Revivals held in above churches____; Received from above churches for services, \$____; Received from other sources \$____; Total received \$____; Condition of work spiritually and financially_____

Remarks _____

Signed _____, Pastor.

P. O. _____

State _____

County _____

Street No. _____

R. R. _____

CHURCHES		CLERKS		POSTOFFICE		Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Lettr.	Rec'd by Rec.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes	
Ashland City	Mrs. Mary Patton	Ashland City, Tenn.	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	63	13	\$4,000	\$100.00	\$74.00	\$2.06
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	255	2	2,000	80.00	40.05	4.00
Bethlehem	Miss Allene Read	Ashland City, Tenn.	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	294	1	2,000	118.00	48.18	3.00
Brander's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	200	1	1,500	221.64	---	2.00	
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	Nashville, Tenn.	9	7	3	1	37	1	1	1	212	12345	20,000	1,300.00	---	---	
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, Tenn. Route 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	1	600	39.32	---	.75	
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Duncaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.	7	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	2,000	80.36	---	1.80	
East Nashville	Mrs. Agnes Frazier	Nashville, Tenn.	7	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	121	12345	35,000	1,800.00	---	5.00	
Emanuel's Chapel																	
First F. W. B.			20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	3188	12345	3,000	330.00	---	5.00	
Ch. of Columbia	Mrs. H. C. Brown	Columbia, Tenn.															
Fredonia																	
Good Springs	Mrs. Alice Harrison	Gorman, Tenn.	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	69	24	---	66.54	---	---	
Gorman	G. E. Gover	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 5	8	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	2200	3	2,500	115.43	17.54	4.00	
Heads	S. A. O'Kain	Neptune, Tenn. Route 2	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	4	600	30.00	18.30	1.00	
Miller's Chapel	Miss Pearl Jakes													7.00	---	---	
Mt. Pleasant																---	
Mt. Zion																---	
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2224	1	2,500	100.00	---	2.50	
Oak Grove	Mrs. Ella Garrett	Charlotte, Tenn. Route 2									1	96	2	1,000	80.31	---	1.60
Oakland	Mrs. Bell Carney	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2									31	2	1,000	5.00	---	.50	
Oaklawn	Mrs. W. L. Gower	Thomasville, Tenn., R. 1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2187	4	2,500	73.75	---	3.00	
Oakwood	Miss Willie Hunter	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 5	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	1	2,000	56.97	---	1.32	
Olivet																---	
Pleasant Hill	Rillarene Wallace	Dover, Tenn., Box 34									50	3	1,000	67.75	---	1.10	
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn., R. 2									1241	2	3,000	107.02	---	2.00	
Scott's Chapel	J. F. Duncan	Cumberland City, Tenn.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	150	50.00	---	1.00	
Shady Grove	Mrs. Elsie Major	Hickory Point, Tenn., R. 1	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	60	2	1,000	43.57	---	3.70
Spring Hill	Minnie Mae Spain	Goodlettsville, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	3	1,000	14.10	---	.50
Stoney Point	Mrs. Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn., R. 2									85	4	1,550	12.00	---	1.10	
West Nashville	Pauline Koonce	Nashville, Tenn.	25	10	4	1	12	1	1	1	123	12345	1,500	120.00	---	2.50	